

USAID, through the National Democratic Institute, organized a Film Festival on January 31, 2009 to raise awareness on key issues faced by women in Nepal and to discuss how those challenges can be effectively addressed. Attended by Anthony S. Chan, Deputy Director of USAID/Nepal, five documentary films addressing topics such as trafficking, violence against women, and women in conflict were featured. Discussion sessions followed each film. The Film Festival is part USAID's efforts to support women's participation in the Constituent Assembly through the Women's Leadership Academy, established in July 2008.